

**CLAIM AMENDMENT**

A complete list of pending claims and status of all claims is included in the Appendix.

Please cancel claims 5, 6, 9, 10, and 21-51 without prejudice.

Please amend claim 12 as follows:

c1  
12. The composition of claim 1, wherein the microspheres comprise sodium acrylate polymer, acrylamide polymer, ~~acrylamide derivative polymer or copolymer~~, sodium acrylate and vinyl alcohol copolymer, vinyl acetate and acrylic acid ester copolymer, vinyl acetate and methyl maleate copolymer, isobutylene-maleic anhydride crosslinked copolymer, starch-acrylonitrile graft copolymer, crosslinked sodium polyacrylate polymer, crosslinked polyethylene oxide, or mixtures thereof.

Please add claim 52 as follows:

c2  
52. The composition of claim 4, wherein the biocompatible carrier is a saline solution.